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Editorial

BIGGEST QUESTION

The big unanswered question concerning recent German advances in North Africa, threatening Suez, is what has happened to the British sea-power in the Mediterranean? That British naval forces in the Mediterranean have been weakened by withdrawal to protect Atlantic shipping, everyone knew. It was realized that the bulk of the remaining portion of the royal fleet must keep open the vital supply line to Greece, a stupendous task. And even other ships must watch the Gibraltar approaches. Admittedly, this Italian warship have been so completely rebuffed that Britain was expected to do two things: prevent large scale German landings of troops and supplies in Africa, and harass the essential line of march with a screen of naval force.

Just why Britain has made no effort, at least no reported effort, to do either of these two things, is a major mystery of the war.

At first, Britain's admiralty may have felt that a coup was possible if a major German expeditionary force was allowed to land in Libya and coasted into extending its lines to the point where naval entrapment would be possible. It was and is British strategy, then the stage is all set and the danger point more than arrived.

The situation is concrete proof of Britain's immediately pressing need for at least 50 additional destroyers to attack the cross-Mediterranean supply line. Britain is doing amazingly well with small forces. However, they are spread too thinly. More man-power is almost as badly needed as additional destroyers and bombers. We must frankly advise our readers to prepare for a worsening of the Allied cause during the next few months. Many weeks ago we cautioned our readers to walk in faith in British successes in east Libya. However, we cannot repeat that statement as regards German and Italian successes there, for the simple reason that a few successes anywhere will put Italy back into the war and that each new source of supply added by Germany weakens the chances of a successful blockade.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

There has been some agitation here to have Virginia use daylight saving time this summer. The advocates of moving the clocks up an hour say it is a defense measure and that many other states are adopting it and uniformity is desirable. Yet, the mere mention of setting up the clocks of the Old Dominion will bring forth a storm of protest, especially from farm folk, who regulate their activities more by the sun than by timepieces.

We must confess that we have never seen that it made much difference. For a few days there, in confusion as lives are adjusted, but after that things settle down into routine again. However there is an argument for uniformity, and what Virginia does can properly be guided by the course adopted by surrounding states.

HOPEFUL SIGN

There was at least one wonderful thing about Easter Sunday in Virginia. We found this item in Easter church programs in the Richmond newspapers of Sunday morning: Due to the expected throngs of worshippers, it was necessary for the First Baptist Church, Richmond, to have two complete morning services. One was at 9 o'clock and the other at 11. Identical sermons, identical music and identical orders of service.

Like a breath of fresh spring air, this item gives hope. Never in all the history of the world has the Church had the opportunity it has today. The big, big world awaits a spiritual message. In so many cases the Church fails miserably to grasp the importance of this moment in history, and depends upon its earthly leadership. Would that there were churches with such a message that the throngs kneeling at its doors made necessary such arrangements as used Sunday at the First Baptist, Richmond.

Strike averted in steel industry. Farmers will find Appomattox to be a friendly town and a good market for produce.

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MAY 3 DEADLINE

One of the arguments being used by local Democrats in an effort to prevent a redistricting shuffle which would threaten Appomattox's political power in Virginia is that one of the party's best-organized counties should not be well-ed.

That argument would lose weight if Appomattox county came up with a tight vote this year.

May 3 is the deadline for payment of citation taxes. If one wishes to participate in this year's state primary and general election.

An effort should be made to improve your votes. Those who have become 21 years of age since January 1, 1940, may pay only one year's citation tax.

One cannot walk along the streets of Appomattox without seeing new faces. . . families recently moved to Appomattox. Will they vote here this year? This county has an enviable reputation for getting out a big vote. It's a reputation worth keeping.

GOOD OLD BASEBALL!

These last few glorious spring days, many of us have remarked that it's good baseball weather! And baseball it is! The big leagues are off to a grand start. The sandlots of America are swarming with young ball players, and all America is ready for several months of its favorite pastime. One of the secrets of a successful life is knowing how to relax. A good ball game is worth it to the morale of the nation.

Hollywood News

Hollywood, April 15.—Rev. C. A. Collins Jr. did his regular church appointment at Hollywood Sunday A. H. He preached a splendid Easter sermon. We were also favored with an Easter poem by his little niece.

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Mr. and Mrs. Moss Lewis spent Easter with his mother and father.

Dr. Made Ferguson and Billy Ferguson and Mrs. Orla Ferguson attended the funeral of Mrs. Virginia Ferguson Henderson at Appomattox Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Sam Coleman and son spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. LeGrande Webb.

Mrs. Rosa Webb is very much disappointed at this time. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Lewis Coleman and daughters, Miss Roberts Coleman and Mrs. Ethel Baldwin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Coville.

Baxter Robertson and son, Curtis called in the home of Luther Ferguson Monday.

Those calling in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ferguson Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Childers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Parris and daughter, Mrs. Mollie Parris, Miss Florence Ferguson, Dr. Made Ferguson, Gilly Ferguson and son, and Mrs. Orla Ferguson.

Mrs. Billy Inge and children, spent Thursday with home people.

Hollywood, April 15.—Mrs. Lily Gillin and daughter visited in the home of Mrs. W. H. Brown Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Brown and "Jelly" spent Sunday with Mrs. D. L. Smith.

John Lewis Jr. spent part of last week with J. E. Reimann.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Franklin and son spent Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. G. P. Beasley entertained the Sunbeams Saturday with an Easter egg hunt.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
LUNcheon D. D. of the Holy Bible Institute (Released by Western Newspaper Union)

S. S. Lesson for April 20

By L. L. STEVENSON
Dog Tale: For purposes of identification, they may be known in this space as Mr. and Mrs. Brown. For quite awhile they looked on Ted, their prize bull terrier, as an efficient guardian of their Brooklyn home. The other evening, Mrs. Brown went to her room before her husband had finished his newspaper. Wild shrieks took him upstairs on the run. Mrs. Brown was standing on the bed and near the radiator was a small, dark, round, round creature. Assuring his wife she had nothing to fear, Mr. Brown called Ted. The bull terrier rushed into the room and seeing the rat, leaped at it, but instead of giving battle, endeavored to make friends. The rat, as if petrified by surprise, stood motionless. Mrs. Brown, who had been under the radiator where its size caused it to be caught and held fast. So Mr. Brown, who had been standing by the door, called Ted. The bull terrier, Ted, killed it with a spear that served as a wall decoration in his son's room.

USING WITNESSING POWER
LESSON TEXT—Acts 2:14-4:20
GOLDEN TEXT—They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spoke the word of God with boldness—Acts 4:31.

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In the right place at the right time and in the right attitude—these are unfulfilling conditions of blessing. Note also how fitting it was that a man should be a witness in the upper room—the disciples were "with one accord in one place" ready for the great gift of power and grace for life and ministry which God had for them. One wonders what might happen today if God's word were proclaimed in God's house on the Lord's day, in complete accord and unity, expecting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

"We are not to imagine that at this Pentecost he first came into the world. In all ages he had been imparting life and guidance and strength and holiness to the people of God; but he was now to work with a new instrument, namely, the truth concerning on slippery ledge, the ascended, divine Saviour. For the proclamation of this truth the Church in the history of the world, and it embodies the impressive lesson that in all successful witnessing the power is that of the Spirit and the instrument is the message of the gospel."

The outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost was accompanied by signs of great power, and a special endowment which enabled all strangers to understand the gospel in their own tongue.

This ability to speak in foreign languages not previously learned was merely a temporary endowment. The gift of tongues was given to the church as a sign of its spiritual gifts which marked the age of the apostles. In modern times the claim to possess this power has never been established in credible evidence, nor is the dominance of the Spirit in the life of a believer to be tested by the presence of any special gift (Charles R. Erdman).

III. Mighty Works Performed (4:31-36): Reference is made here to the healing of the lame man, the raising of the dead, and the resurrection of the One who had died. It was a work of power, but only the first of the mighty works which were to be performed.

An even greater work was that of the Spirit-filled preaching of the gospel which brought 3,000 souls into the church (2:41). As we marvel at that event, we need also to keep before us the recurring day-by-day work of the Spirit in the lives of individuals (2:47). This was, and is, accomplished through the teaching of the Word (2:42).

IV. Faithful Truth Presented (4:37-41): The rulers and leaders (especially the skeptical aristocrats of that day) were won by the preaching of the gospel, and they were brought into the church. They spoke tactfully, but boldly, of the death and resurrection of the One who had died. It was a work of power, but only the first of the mighty works which were to be performed.

Protection: For a long time, the only ear muffs I saw in New York were worn by the street car company employee who throws the switch for Broadway and cross-town tracks at Seventh Avenue and Forty-second street. This winter, however, movie bankers have been supplied with ear coverings as part of their uniforms. Last evening, at the ice rink in Rockefeller plaza, I noted ear muffs on a number of skaters. Maybe the effect will come when gentlemen who affect tall tales will encase their ears instead of allowing them to stick out in the wind.

New Allment: Madeline Gray never that the wife who drives from the back seat isn't any worse than the husband who cooks from the front seat. Last evening, at the bridge wits, "due to constantly inhibited desires to strangle one's partner."

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OUR DEMOCRACY—by Met
FOR THE FEW THEN—FOR THE MANY NOW.

WHEN THE ENGLISH SEA DOGS WERE EXPLORING OUR ATLANTIC COAST AND VIRGINIA WAS BEING SETTLED, SOME OF THEM WERE INSURED. THE PRACTICE WAS LIMITED TO THE SPECTACULAR FEW. TODAY HALF THE U.S. POPULATION HAS INSURANCE.

Guests in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Jones for Easter were Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shramak, Dulany Foster, III, all of Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jones Jr.

Mrs. Herman Motley and son, of Farmville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Franklin over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith and family, of Lynchburg, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and baby spent Sunday in the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reynolds, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fowdy.

Mrs. Alex Goble spent Easter with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Thompson, of Farmville.

Miss Nancy Ward and Miss Mildred Kaywood, of Tazewell, spent Friday with Miss Alice Harwood, of Farmville.

Miss Jane Burke, of New York, is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burke.

Miss Maxine Glenn, of Washington, D. C., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Woodbridge.

Miss Doris Lucado and Dan Buckner, of Richmond, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lucado.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Godsey, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Woodbridge.

Miss Freda and sons, of Philadelphia, spent the week-end with Mrs. R. N. Dawson.

Robert Hubbard spent Sunday in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Houston and family, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. H. Lucado, of Farmville, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lucado.

James Langran has accepted a position with the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, U. S. Navy, at the U. S. Military Academy, was home for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Babcock and son, of Columbia, S. C., spent the holidays at Hotel Appomattox.

Mrs. Bessie James, of Lynchburg, spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith.

Dr. and Mrs. George S. Reamey, of Richmond, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Smith and children, of Farmville, spent Easter in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith.

Miles Colyer and Thelma Smith and Fred Graham spent Sunday in Keyville with Miss Viola Garrett.

Mrs. Jim Gunter, of Concord spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith.

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Appomattox Personal Items

position in Washington.

Mrs. C. Lewis McDermott, daughter, Mary Anna, have returned to their home here.

Miss Frances Cundiff and B. J. Bell, of Richmond, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Abbott Jr.

Miss Virginia Crouch, of Portsmouth, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crouch, recently returned to her home. Miss Crouch frequently visits in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Perrell here.

Miss Josephine Jenkins, of Washington, and C. S. Jenkins, Jr., of Hampden-Sydney College, spent the holiday week-end at the home of their parents in Hiller.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burke, Jr., of Richmond, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Perrell.

Miss Elizabeth Coleman, of Richmond, spent the week-end at her home near here.

Meredith Evans, of Richmond, spent the week-end with his grand-mother, Mrs. Jennie Johnson, prior to leaving for the U. S. Army.

Billy Woolford, of Petersburg, spent the holidays here with his grand-mother, Mrs. W. M. Hatter.

Mrs. Albert Baird spent the week-end at her home in Buckingham.

Miss Isabelle Ranson and Roy Gowin motored to the Dixie Caverns Monday.

Miss Claire Dwyer, of Norfolk is spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Francisco and son, of Port Bragg, N. C. spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. D. A. Conner.

Mrs. Bertha Austin and family, from Lynchburg, and Miss Rhoads O'Brien, of Staunton, spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. O'Brien.

Edger Upton, of Washington spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Young, of Marion, S. C., arrived today to visit Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Hunter.

Mrs. J. K. Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth Eakin and Mrs. T. P. Eakin, daughters, of Lexington, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien Tuesday.

Mrs. and Mrs. G. F. Abbott Jr., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cundiff, of Albemarle, Sunday.

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Mrs. Eddie Sedowski, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Iverson Smith.

Miss Lorraine Fisher spent the holidays at her home in Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sam Lee, Ray Hendrick and Miss Dorothy Black, of Roanoke, Lawson Lee, Miss Dorothy Traylor, Claire Brownrigg, of Richmond and Madeline Lee, of Lynchburg, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Lee Easter.

Mrs. Anna Lee, of Stoneville, is spending this week with Mrs. R. T. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Godsey, Miss Lorraine Godsey, of Lynchburg and Howard Freeman, of Bedford spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Godsey.

Miss Virginia Brindham entertained a number of friends on the occasion of her birthday, April 16. Those who included Misses Betsy Higgenbotham, Merle Gull, Claire Brownrigg, Ann Davidson, Katherine Godsey, Dorothy Ould and Marion June Evans, were taken to the drug store for refreshments.

Miss Bess Christian, of Richmond, Miss Mildred Christian, of Madison College, Harrisonburg, and David Christian, of Hampden-Sydney College, were home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor and Mrs. W. S. Taylor spent Monday at Richmond.

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Mr. and Mrs. Billy Trent and family, of Michigan visited his home, Mrs. W. J. Trent, last week.

Mrs. Ben Saunders, of Richmond who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crouch, this week, will leave Saturday to join Mr. Saunders, who is on active duty at Fort Constitution, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll Stanely, of North Carolina, spent Monday with his mother, Mrs. Betty Stanley.

Miss Edythe O'Brien, of Portsmouth, Miss Kate O'Brien, of Farmville, and Robert Work, of Reading, Pa. spent the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. O'Brien.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. LeGrand over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carter, of Roanoke; Miss Lucy LeGrand and Leslie Turner, of Bedford and Private Ned LeGrand, of Camp Lee.

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